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SU endures through tough times

As another school year begins, another round of layoffs has hit Salisbury

On April 15, 2003 – four employees were told they were being laid off. Three of the positions are in information technology and one is in student services.

In addition to these layoffs, six other positions that are currently vacant will remain unfilled. The faculty will also take

two furloughs this year (unpaid workdays), one on March 26, the other May 21.

President of SU, Janet Dudley-Eshbach said she remains optimistic for the future of the university.

"The University System of Maryland goes through cycles," said Dudley-Eshbach. "We are still in very good shape."

In addition to the layoffs, SU students also felt the impact in their wallets. Tuition went up almost one-fifth of what it had been.

"I think overall, not just here, but everywhere, tuitions are too high," said Adam Houck, senior. "It's almost telling you that you have to have a lot of money to go to college."

Dudley-Eshbach said she wants students to get the best education for their money. Even though things may not look bright at the beginning of the year, she remains confident in the future.

"We are the best," she said. "Salisbury University grows stronger every

While she cannot guarantee that more cuts will not be made, she said that the school will remain intact through the years to come.

Soaking up the 'SUn' with Welcome Week

Features/Copy Editor

confident upperclassmen alike are invited to join in the festivities of Welcome Week

Once again, wide-eyed freshmen and at Salisbury University. The theme this year is "Soak up the SUn," with emphasis on the

Welcome Week is a eightday celebration of the beginning of the school year, designed to help new students adjust and returning students get back into the swing of things. Not just for freshmen, the events are designed for all students to participate in, with a varied list of games, live entertainment and informational

Welcome Week kicked off in style with campus tours, "Survival of Arrival" and Casino Night on



Students from Survival of Arrival provide entertainment for students moving into the dorms.

Saturday, August 30. The tours and "Survival of Arrival" helped freshmen get used to the campus, and that evening at Casino Night, students got to "gamble" by playing card games and winning poker chips to bid for prizes.

On Sunday, after a viewing of the movie "Remember the Titans," students were treated to a lecture from Herman Boone and Bill Yoast, two high school football coaches who inspired the film.

"I thought [the lecture] was great, I liked it," said freshman Avontre McMillan. "It was an honor having them come here and talk to us, and I hope they come back again." McMillan was clearly not the only student who enjoyed the lecture - Maggs Gymnasium was packed to the gills with

students on the edges of their seats.

Throughout the week, students also participated in Karaoke Night, as well as several shuttle trips to Wal-Mart and the Salisbury mall.

Photo by Constance Mensh

But the best is yet to come. Thursday evening, comedian Tiny Glover will perform at 8 p.m. in the Wicomico Room in the Guerrieri University Center. Friday will feature Sports Night from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. across campus. And the week will culminate in "Party on the Plaza," a festival in downtown Salisbury from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Some students were more prepared than others for the coming semester.



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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT.

Recall petition drive abandoned

Brenda Cox, the Wicomico County resident who began the recall petition drive last November to remove the Salisbury mayor and city council recently decided to abandon the effort. Although she had more than the 30 percent of the voters needed to force a recall vote, the legal battle that would surely ensue is the reason Cox gave for ending the recall.

Baby llama dies after stabbing at Salisbury Zoo

Salisbury Zoological Park staff arrived last Friday morning to find a baby llama slashed and bleeding from wounds to its abdomen. The animal later died. The Salisbury Police believe that it was caused

by someone who broke in and cut the animal with a knife. Evidence, such as the knife and bloody trails, was found at the scene to support this and police are looking

Iraqi Mosque devastated by car bomb At least 125 people died Friday

afternoon after a powerful car bomb detonated outside of Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine during afternoon prayers. Nineteen men were arrested by police, all with admitted links to Al-Qaida Ayatollah Mohammed Baquir al-Hakim. Thousands mourned at a funeral procession. More than 200 were wounded in the blast, which tore through the crowd of people, leaving a 3and-one-half-foot crater.

SU ranks high in U.S. News, Princeton Review

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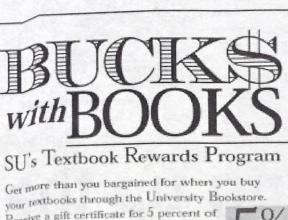
Once again, Salisbury University has proved its worth to the U.S. News and World Report and the Princeton Review, both of which gave SU high honors in their college rankings for the current year.

In the U.S. News and World Report, SU ranked fourth among public master's universities in the north, out of 573 colleges. SU also ranked as a top-tier university for the second year in a row in northern public and private campuses, rising from 37 to 33 this year. SU was also listed in the Princeton Review's "Best 351 Colleges" this year, as well as the Review's "Best in the Mid-Atlantic" list.

This is the fifth year in a row SU has

been listed by the Princeton Review. It is the seventh year in a row SU has been listed on the U.S. News and World Report's Top 10 list for public institutions in the region. The only other Maryland state campus that ranked in U.S. News's public master's universities in the north was Towson University, which ranked below

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"Party on the Plaza" will be Welcome Week's first downtown festival in nearly 30 years. Shuttles will run from 3 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. to ferry students from SU's Choptank Lot to the festival site. There, students can enjoy food and games while listening to live performances by local bands Cupajo, Three Track Mind and Written Prisms.

While some things never change the wide-eved freshmen and confident upperclassmen, for one thing - some things just get better with time. And Welcome Week is certain to be one of those things.

"I'm definitely looking forward to the rest of the week," said McMillan,"and the rest of the school year."

Welcome Week schedule of events

Day 1: Saturday, August 30 (Move-In Day) Survival of Arrival: 9am - 1pm in the Quad Campus Tours: 11am - 1pm in the Quad Casino Night: 7pm - 10pm in the Guerrieri University Center Movie ~ "Remember the Titans": 10pm in Caruthers Hall

Day 2: Sunday, August 31

Movie ~ "Remember the Titans": Noon in Caruthers Hall Drink Think: 3pm - 4pm in Holloway Hall Auditorium

-New Student Seminar Educational Session (Mandatory) Movie ~ "Remember the Titans": 4:30pm in Caruthers Hall Herman Boone: 7pm in Maggs Gym

-New Student Seminar Educational Session (Mandatory) Movie ~ "Remember the Titans": 9pm in Caruthers Hall

Day 3: Monday, September 1 Shuttles to Wal-Mart and the Mall: 10am - 1pm Choptank Lot Campus Tours: 2pm - 6pm in the Quad Labor Day Picnic: 2pm - 6pm in the Quad

Day 4: Tuesday, September 2 FIRST DAY OF CLASS Game Show: 7pm in Holloway Hall Auditorium

Day 5: Wednesday, September 3 Shuttles to Wal-Mart and the Mall: 5pm - 8pm Choptank Lot Karaoke Night: 7pm - 10pm in Wicomico Room

Day 6: Thursday, September 4 Student Activities Fair: 10am - 3pm under the Pergola Comedian: 8pm in the Wicomico Room

Day 7: Friday, September 5 Sports Night: 3pm - 7pm outside across the campus

Day 8: Saturday, September 6 Party on the Plaza Concert: 3pm - 9pm in Downtown Salisbury Shuttles to Party on the Plaza: 3pm - 9:30pm Choptank Lot



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Things got off to a slow start on Saturday as thousands of students and their families arrived in the sleepy college town of Salisbury. Newcomers and returning students moved into their dorms while Welcome Week volunteers helped them feel at home.

All photos by Constance Mensh



WELCOME BACK, SU!

the campus teems with life once again







Letters from the Flyer staff

A lvice to incoming freshmen

ing under my roof," and "following es" and dreaming of the day that you nally be free. Free from petty high squabbles, judgmental teachers, aring parents and those pesky e unfortunately come grouped with a ion for being many things, all of may or may not be true for every-

Iere are just a few:

en are always lost en are lazy and wear their pajamas (when they actually go) en love Easy Mac en girls are easy en guys are eager

en love to vandalize and steal stuff en love to party every night they can

en rarely get involved on campus

Now some of these stereotypes are a little better to handle than others, and quite a few can be said for some upperclassmen as well, but all of the bad ones can certainly

For instance, try to limit the parting ions. Or so you think. Freshmen as to mainly the weekend and you should do fine. Try to make it out to more than just the first club meeting. Wear sweatpants and sandals to class and you're golden. Wear pajamas and bunny slippers and you're bound to look like a jackass. The bench, sign, cone or other movable object will be fine right where it is, and writing large obscenities on the walls does not make you cool. Girls, make some good friends that you can trust, and then stick to them like glue. Guys, remember that any one of those girls could be the little sister of somebody bigger than you. Lastly, relax and have fun; it really doesn't matter what anyone thinks of you. Besides, we know you're not all bad, and once, we were all just like you.

Advice to the upperclassmen

By this point, you've realized that there's more to keep in mind at college than just which plastic beer cup is yours. Advice to freshmen comes in economy-sized packs like those you buy at Sam's Club, but advice for upperclassmen is harder to find. To that purpose, here are some tips to keep in mind this year.

First of all, be kind to the freshmen. That means not making fun of them when they get lost, humoring their childlike sense of wonder, not letting them drink themselves to death and refraining from treating the females like your personal sex toys. Surely you remember what it was like to be new to college, and possibly being away from home the first time - let others have an equally fun experience.

Second of all, try to treat others with respect in the parking lot. Ha! Ha! Ha! Just kidding, folks. Every man for himself!

Also, no feeding Alka-Seltzer to our school's mascot. Have some spirit, for

And on the subject of spirit, try to have some. No, the other kind of spirit, not the kind you find at Cheers. It won't kill you to have some pride in your school. Unless your pride takes the form of running wildly across Route 13 with "SEAGULL. PRIDE" painted across your naked body. You're on your own then.

Lastly, don't work too hard. While we urge you to do your best in your studies it's also important to note that your future employer will probably not give a damn what your GPA was during the first semester of your sophomore year. Work hard but keep it all in perspective - going without sleep for a week straight won't do you any good.

With these things in mind, hopefully you'll finish this semester feeling as euphoric as a freshman. Why should the newcomers have all the fun, anyway?

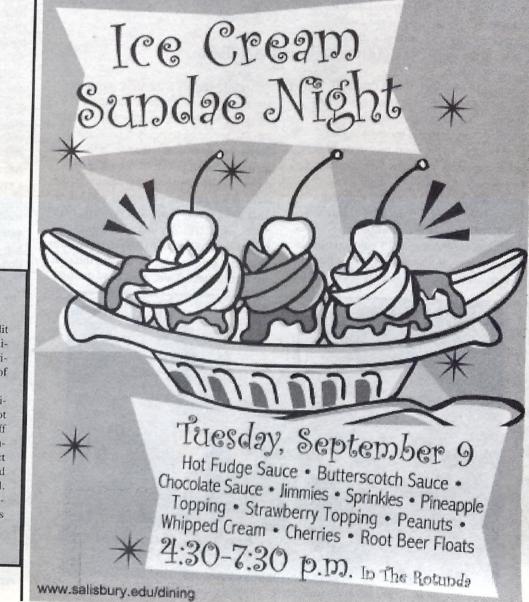
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She wipes the tears from her eyes.

Her name was Maria. She was 13.

In 1981 under the rule of Lucas

"I heard the gunfire and I asked

myself, 'who are they shooting now? "

Garcia the selective repression on the

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The strategy was intensified by his succes-

through a coup on March 23, 1982. He is

reported to have said in order to catch the

fish (the guerillas); we must first drain the

sea. "Tierra Arrasada", or the scorched

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Seventeen people died in the

village of Santa Maria Tzeja, the majority

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of which, (including Rosa's daughter) when

elimination of over 400 Guatemalan

villages in the 1980s.

Central American Summer

FEATURES

By Constance Mensh Editor in Chief

Part One:

Summer Vacation: two words, three months, and endless possibilities. If life could be made up of summer vacations, that my friends would be heaven. For some, an internship, that ever-so-important flirtation with the "real world", that often leads one down the path of success, is the natural choice for a summertime experience. For others, it is an opportunity to hit the beach, make some money and have some fun. While both of these options seemed enticing, there was something different in store for this college student.

Central America may not seem like the typical tourist destination, and that is because its not. The tourism industry is not fully developed to the comfort level of most Americans in this steamy tropical locale, not to mention that the main source of transportation is the dreaded American yellow school bus. However, getting back on the bus affords the intrepid traveler a glimpse of not only one of the most geographically and culturally diverse places in the world, but also a taste of what it means to live.

On a budget of less than \$20 dollars a day, there is not room for many luxuries, but during that month, this coddled American did more living than ever before. In the short month that I was in Central America, I saw three countries, two oceans, four ancient Maya sites, snorkeled the reef, climbed a volcano. kayaked on a 1,000 ft deep lake, perched 5,200 ft above sea level, while traveling to 13 different places with 13 unique cultures and peoples. It was an experience that I will never forget and can only hope will be



Religious ceremonies are key to everyday life in the villages and towns of Guatemala.



Sunrise from the dizzying height of 3000 feet atop Vulcan Pacaya, located outside of Guatemala City.

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From now on, when I think "America", I no longer just think of the

Part Two:

Unfortunately, the ugly past of the politics of Central America, continue to overshadow its endless beauty and splendor. As this goes to press, a mass grave discovered in Guatemala reveals the still open wounds of past tortures and grievances. While traveling in Guatemala, the scars of the past are obvious if you know what to look for. Crippling poverty, rising crime, racial tension, and armed guards everywhere, all point to a deeper problem. These are people who have lived through one of the longest and most devastating

> instill change. In 1954 because of a communist-led government's decision to redistribute the wealthy land owned by powerful U.S. allies, the United Fruit Company and other elites, an army covertly

trained by the

U.S. invaded

A heavily scarred man sleeps peacefully on the evening ferry ride to Livingston, Guatemala.

Guatemala. The elected ruler, Jacobo Arbenez was forced to resign and in his

civil wars ever and a government that is

just beginning to recover. The saddest part

is that Guatemala is not alone. El Salvador,

Nicaragua, and Honduras, have all suffered

place, a series of puppet dictators for a ruthless military government was introduced, causing almost 50 years of violence and terror. Counter-revolutionary forces of guerilla fighters sprung up in an attempt to regain control of the government, which instigated the military "death squads" during the reign of Carlos Arana Osorio, and a death toll that is estimated in the tens of thousands.

One of the most ruthless leaders during this period of civil war, called "La Violencia", was General Efrain Rios Montt. who staged a coup fro the presidency in 1982. Montt, noted for his "scorched earth tactics" pursued against the guerrilla forces and organizations, oversaw the military's destruction of hundreds of Maya villages. Until very recently, Montt was head of the senate, and is now the Guatemalan Republican Front's (FRG) candidate for presidency, despite the pleas of worldwide humanitarian group, and hard work of legal aid organizations.

While in Guatemala, I learned from a human rights observer from the U.S.,

> named Jael Humphreys, that the battle for the rights of Guatemala's citizens is far from over. In her most recent email, she writes of a resurgence of violence and oppression at the hands of the FRG, in an attempt o intimidate and

The faces of the youth betray Guatemala's deeper woes- force Montt's way into the presidency. Though her life is in danger, she recalls with clarity the experience of living

> eating at the tables of people who have suffered the unthinkable. The following piece is Jael's first hand account of the situation in

Guatemala

in the homes and

A Letter from Guate

By Jael Humphreys

Guest Writer All paved road ends dramatically about 45 minutes outside of Coban. The remaining five and six hour rides to my two communities respectively take me at a crawl down bumpy roads often on old American yellow and black school buses where three to a seat is common fare. An old woman in the community laughs, "it's easy to get to community now," nothing like the 8 day walk from Uspantán when her family first arrived. The Ixcán, in northern el Quiche, is still one of the poorest and most isolated regions of Guatemala.

Its history is brief, but intense. In 1969 the Catholic priest, Father Guillermo Woods, obtained permission from the Guatemalan government to buy the land that was then pure jungle, distributing it to landless peasants. A witness in his 60s recounts tales of his childhood: yearly pilgrimages to the large estates (fincas) on the southern coast to render the 90 days of work required for the privilege of living on their land, (and sinking further into debt). When they heard about the opportunity in the Ixcán. they went. Life was hard, he remembers, clearing the land, building houses, "but we were happy because the work we were doing was for ourselves."

Today in the villages where I live wooden houses dot the solitary unpaved road, with more houses spreading out on the numerous mud paths. Children diligently sweep the dirt floor with cornhusk brooms. I am constantly amazed by the generosity of the people who pull up benches to sit and talk to us if we stop by, offering us bananas or oranges.

Already I am growing used to some of the differences here: bathing in a calf deep stream in my slip and bra; the cacophonous roar of the cows, pigs and roosters that rolls over the hills in the morning; chickens under the kitchen table; the complete darkness of the night, interrupted only by the intensity of the stars or the flickering of a candle.

What I will never grow used to, however, are the stories.

One morning at breakfast Neela, my partner, asks innocently confused by the stream of young faces in the kitchen. "what is the name of your oldest child?"

Rosa, who we are eating with that day, is transported back to February 15. 1982 when the army arrived in SMT.

"I was running with my daughter," she tells us. "We were in the jungle when I realized my younger son was not there. I went back to look for him, telling my daughter to stay hidden with her grandmother, aunt and cousins. I found my son, and we escaped through another route."

them to run with him, but they refused saying they had no reason to be afraid. They were among the first to die, he told us, when the army burned the church.

The massacre lasted three days. The army sealed the exits from the town and proceeded to divide the remaining people. First they killed the old people, later the men. They shut the children in a building and burned it. They kept several women alive until the last day, raping them and forcing them to cook and bring firewood. They killed the animals and burned the houses and crops. In total more than 350 people died in the massacre.

One night our new friend Francisco showed up with his guitar to sing us songs he wrote about the massacre.

"Sometimes", he told us, "when I play these songs for the people here, they

fingers clinched like claws. "You never know when it will again grow hungry.'

That is indeed an accurate question as the human rights situation in Guatemala currently deteriorates. The FRG, the current political party in power, nominated Rios Montt as their presidential candidate for next year's election despite the fact that the Guatemalan constitution prohibits former coup participants from assuming the presidency. Rios Montt is responsible for the bloodiest period in Guatemala's recent history. (At least one person expressed the fear to me that if elected, he will return to finish what he started.) The reactivation of the ex-Pac, the civilian population who policed their communities during the war and often participated in the massacres. continues to plague Guatemala. The FRG's pledge to pay them for services rendered

> during the war, despite a lack of compensation for the massacre survivors, has mobilized a potentially dangerous political force.

It feels odd to be back in the city and to have access through the computer to international news sources after the complete isolation of almost two months. In the capitol again, I reunite with other accompaniers. Frequently, we ask ourselves why we have traveled so far when there is such an obvious struggle for peace and justice at home. However, I think, that it is exactly at these times, when the international community's attention is focused elsewhere, that the work we do in Guatemala is even more important.

Seeing the world in black and white, whether it's the good guys against the communists or the good guys against the terrorists, allows for sweeping policies that do not take into account the people that will be affected. The in-

creased spending on anti-terror campaigns around the world provides a convenient excuse for the United States to intervene in other state's domestic politics. The massacres in Guatemala in the 1980s, and all the funding the US gave to the Guatemalan military to fight the communists, are just one example of such negative US foreign policy and the disastrous results that can occur.

Please continue to urge your government to ban military aid to Guatemala and to support the implementation of the peace accords. If you are interested in learning more about the case, please check out the web site www.justiceforgenocide.org.



Guatemala's majestic Lake Atilan sits almost 5,000 feet above sea level, nestled among volcanos

presence. News of the military's approach preceded their arrival and the community dispersed, hiding in the jungle.

The people in Cuarto Pueblo, in contrast, were not warned of the army's approach or those who were did not believe it. Nervous about possible danger, most people avoided the market Sunday, March 7, 1982. The result was that March 14, the following Sunday when the army did come, the town center swelled with all the people that arrived to buy and sell.

Cuarto Pueblo suffered one of the bloodiest massacres in all of Guatemala's Civil War. When the army arrived some people, insisting that they hadn't done anything wrong, refused to run. Others said there is no place else to go, if we run to the mountains we are going to die of hunger. If the soldiers kill us here at least we'll die at once.

A witness in that community told me how when the army was coming, he ran to the church where his father and five siblings were worshipping. He begged

omnipresent. There is no one that was not affected. The survivors of the genocidal campaign fled, hiding in the jungle for days, months or years, living in constant fear of being discovered, hungry and sick. A 26-year old student tells us his vivid memories as a six year old of his flight

through the jungle, the essentialness of

cry. Then I start to cry too and it's hard to

sing. I lost my mother, my father and two

sisters." The legacy of the violence is

quiet, mother's accidentally suffocating the babies whose mouth's they'd tapped. People tell us of their 12 years in the refugee camps in Mexico, of the children born there, and their struggle to survive. They tell us of their return (most of the communities came back in 1994) and of the family members who remained.

"My brothers did not come back," a Kanjobal woman related in broken Spanish, hiding her hands. "Guatemala is a tiger with its hands behind its back they say. Better here," she says jumping forward

Note: All names were changed.

Highlights of the summer super-tours

By Constance Mensh

With the recording industry reporting record losses in album sales, the true winners this summer were the touring acts. From the blockbuster mousekateer duo of Christina Aguilara and Justin Timberlake (X-Tina and JT, that is), to the heavy headliners of Ozzfest, Summer Sanitarium, and the Vans Warped tour, there was something out there for everyone this summer. While summer multi-act festivals remain popular among concertgoers, many popular touring acts such as the rare-in-the-U.S., stadium-fillers Radiohead, and the newly rejoined Phish, made this summer a win-win situation for anyone looking for a great live show

One of the most exciting summer tours was the local appearance of English rockers Radiohead, just after the release of their latest album "Hail to the Thief", undeniably one of their best in years. Now billed as one of the greatest live bands of all time (according to Rolling Stone magazine), Radiohead more than lived up to the title at their August 20th show to a sold-out Merriweather Post Pavilion. After last year's east coast shows were rained out, Radiohead had a huge, hungry crowd to please, a task charismatic fireball front man Thom Yorke had no problem with. After ripping through most of their latest release, the band dug deep into a repertoire of hits and crowd-pleasers that kept the momentum at a feverish pace, to be summed up with two satisfying encores.

Of the ever-popular hard-rock festivals, the Vans Warped tour wins hands down for variety, both in the line-up and the fans.

According to concertgoer D.J.

Shortt, the standout performances at this year's show were delivered by: Brand New, Coheed and Cambria, and the Warped headlining veterans Rancid.

Of the crowd, "I was really amazed by the number of younger kids and their parents".

Stuff about Ozzfest, Sanitarium, and Lolapalooza

Not to be underestimated is the

ever-popular local event of the annual HFStival, always a party and a concert rolled into one. This year, HFS returned to the one-day concert format, a format that appeared to be much more popular than last year's two-day festival. Fans were planning on getting a double dose of HFStival this year, with a spring edition and a fall edition – similar to the HFStivals of 1999. However, HFS encountered a bit of bad luck, and the fall edition was recently cancelled due to a scheduling conflict. The spring edition, however, boasted a varied lineup including such recording giants as the Roots, AFI, Jane's Addiction and Blur - the last of which inconveniently cancelled at the last minute. Aside from a couple such minor hang-ups, the 2003 HFStival rocked the house. Or. the stadium, if you prefer.

HFS also scored big this summer with the local crowd for their first ever Live on Penn series, which featured artists such as Collective Soul, Galactic, Arrested Development, Wyclef Jean, Gov't Mule, and Better Than Ezra, who is actually appearing right here at SU on Saturday, September 27 at 8 pm in Maggs Gym. Given the amount of high-caliber acts and high-energy festivals to choose from this summer, Summer 2004 will hopefully prove to be an interesting concert season.



Radiohead was one of the bands to see this summer.

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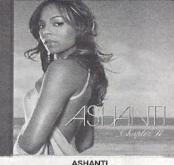
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Salisbury University's Fall Convocation

The official inauguration of the academic year begins with the annual Fall Convocation, held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 3:30 p.m. in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. This year's ceremony features a spotlight on Dr. Connie Richards, chair of SU's English Department. Through her speech, "Passage to More Than India: Charting the Course," Richards hopes to convey to SU students, especially freshmen, that they are building a legacy during their time in college, and the course they set for themselves as college students will likely take them much farther than their initial destinations. Admission to this year's Fall Convocation is free and the public is cordially invited. A reception follows on the Fulton Hall lawn. In case of inclement weather, the reception will take place in the Social Room of Holloway Hall. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site.

John Ebert Stars in SU's First Theater Production

Guest artist John Ebert inaugurates Salisbury University Theatre's fall season with his solo performance of Irish playwright Connor McPherson's The Good Thief. Performances are Friday-Saturday, September 12-13, and Sunday, September 14. Curtain is at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

This dramatic contemporary work brings to life the fate of a hit man from Dublin, Ireland, as he reveals the day everything went wrong in his life. In his story, a failed shakedown leads to a tragic flight with two innocents and eventually

Known for his work as a commercial director, Ebert 's first feature-length movie, Fortunate Son, was filmed in Salisbury and premiered at SU in May.

The Good Thief contains adult language and situations and is recommended for mature audiences only. General admission is \$10, \$8 for seniors. SU ID cardholders are admitted free. For reservations call the SU Theatre Box Office at 410-543-6228. For information visit the SU Web site

Faculty Art Exhibit

Salisbury University's Art Department faculty showcase their recent work in the exhibit "From the Artist Hand" Tuesday, September 2-Sunday, September 28 at the University Gallery at Fulton Hall. An opening reception is held 5-8 p.m. Thursday, September 4.

The exhibit features a mix of paintings, sculpture, ceramics, photography, mixed media and digital prints. In addition to work by curator, Dr. Jim Hill, faculty exhibiting their works in the show include Jeanne Anderton, Gary Brotman, Ed Brown, Marie Cavallaro, Paul Flexner, Carl Goldhagen, Susan Holt, Jinchul Kim, Michelle Neal-Robbins, Pam Olszewski, Dean Peterson, Brooke Rogers, Nicole Schneider, Rich Schneider and Clytie Taylor. The University Gallery at Fulton Hall is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday and from noon-4 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. Sponsored by the SU Art Department and Office of Cultural Affairs and Museum Programs, the exhibit and opening reception are free and the public is cordially invited. For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site.

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INTEREST MEETINGS

Monday, September 8th, 9 p.m. Wednesday, September 10th, 7 p.m. Monday, September 15th, 9 p.m. Guerrieri University Center room 215



Fall 2003 sports schedules

SPORTS

Sept. 6	Catholic	Salisbury, MD	1:00 p.m
Sept. 13	@William Patterson	Wayne, NJ	1:00 p.m
Sept. 20	Methodist	Salisbury, MD	1:00 p.m
Sept. 27	@Greensboro	Greensboro, NC	1:00 p.m
Oct. 11	@Chowan	Murfreesboro, NC	1:00 p.m
Oct. 18	@Kean	Union, NJ	2:00 p.m
Oct. 25	Newport News * (Hor	necoming) Salisbury, MD	1:00 p.m
Nov. 1	@Wesley *	Dover, DE	1:00 p.m
Nov. 8	Shenandoah	Salisbury, MD	1:00 p.m
Nov. 15	Frostburg State *	Towson, MD	7:00 p.m

* Atlantic Central Football Conference game

Men's Soccer

Sept. 6-7	Greensboro Classic	Greensboro, NC	
Sept. 13	Villa Julie	Salisbury	2 p.m.
Sept. 17	Eastern	Philadelphia, PA	4 p.m.
Sept. 20	Shenandoah	Winchester, VA	3 p.m.
Sept. 23	Gallaudet	Washington, DC	4 p.m.
Sept. 27	NC Wesleyan	Salisbury	2 p.m.
Oct. 1	St. Mary's	St. Mary's City	4 p.m.
Oct. 4	Catholic	Salisbury	2 p.m.
Oct. 8	Goucher	Salisbury	4 p.m.
Oct. 11	York	York, PA	1 p.m.
Oct. 15	Roanoke	Salisbury	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	Mary Washington	Salisbury	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Christopher Newport	Salisbury	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	Marymount	Arlington, VA	2 p.m.
Nov. 1,4,8	CAC Tournament	TBA	TBA

Women's Soccer

Sept. 7	Stevens Tech	Salisbury	Noon
Sept. 10	Richard Stockton	Salisbury	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Catholic *	Salisbury	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	@York *	York, PA	1 p.m.
Sept. 24	Virginia Wesleyan	Salisbury	4 p.m.
Sept. 27	St. Mary's *	St. Mary's, MD	1 p.m.
Oct. 3	Marymount	Arlington, VA	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Christopher Newport	Salisbury	1 p.m.
Oct. 7	Gallaudet *	Salisbury	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Rowan	Salisbury	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Goucher *	Salisbury	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	Mary Washington *	Salisbury	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Notre Dame (Md)	Baltimore, MD	4 p.m.
Oct. 25	Eastern (Homecoming)	Salisbury	1 p.m.
Oct. 28	Villa Julie	Baltimore, MD	3 p.m.
Nov. 2, 5,	8 CAC Tournament	TBA	TBA

Field Hockey

Sept. 7	St. Mary's *	Salisbury	1 p.m.
Sept. 13-14	4 Sea Gull Invitational	Salisbury	
Sept. 17	Johns Hopkins	Salisbury	4:30 p.m
Sept. 24	McDaniel	Westminster, MD	4:30 p.m
Sept. 27	York *	York, PA	2 p.m.
Oct. 2	Goucher *	Salisbury	4:30 p.m
Oct. 4	Messiah	Salisbury	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	Catholic *	Washington, DC	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	New Jersey	Trenton, NJ	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Rowan	Salisbury	4 p.m.
Oct. 16	Washington	Chestertown, MD	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	Frostburg State	Salisbury	Noon
Oct. 21	Randolph-Macon	Salisbury	3 p.m.
Oct. 25	Mary Washington *	Fredericksburg, VA	1 p.m.
Nov. 2,5,8	CAC Tournament	TBA	TBA

^{*} Capital Athletic Conference game

Volleyball

Sept. 5-6	Gettysburg Invitational	Gettysburg, PA	2 p.m./9 a.n
Sept. 9	Notre Dame (Md)	Baltimore, MD	6 p.m.
Sept. 12-13	Johns Hopkins Tournament	Baltimore, MD	2 p.m./9 a.n
Sept. 17	Mary Washington *	Maggs Center	7 p.m.
Sept. 19-20	Sea Gull Invitational	Maggs Center	9 a.m.
Sept. 24	Goucher *	Baltimore, MD	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	York *	York, PA	7 p.m.
Oct. 3-4	Salisbury Tournament	Maggs Center	5 p.m./9 a.n
Oct. 7	Marymount *	Maggs Center	7 p.m.
Oct. 15	St. Mary's *	St. Mary's City, MD	7 p.m.
Oct. 17-18	McDaniel Invitational	Westminster, MD	2 p.m.
Oct. 22	Catholic *	Maggs Center	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Gallaudet *	Washington, DC	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4,6,8	CAC Tournament	TBA	TBA

^{*} Capital Athletic Conference match



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Mr. Rosati's NFL Preseason Awards

By Matt Rosati

The 2003 NFL season starts Thursday, Sept. 4 when the Washington Redskins take on the New York Jets. In celebration of the grandest of times, I give you my preseason awards.

Most Exciting Offensive Player* Let me begin by saying the asterisk is in remembrance of Mike Vick. This is his award, but due to injury it will be awarded to Brett Favre. Favre is not flashy and he can no longer move, but he leaves everything on the field. He is a true gamer, and you never know what he is going to do next. Favre's presence on the field will be enough to get his team to the playoffs every year he is suited up.

> Most Lethal Defensive Player Ray Lewis is downright scary. I am

not a big fan of his; I don't like his mouth, I don't like his alma mater, and I don't like the Ravens, but Lewis is a monster. He must be accounted for at all times during the game. He also receives this years "top actor" award for his performance in the Madden's 2004 commercials. I must admit, his performance drew a few tears.

Clutch Player

Adam Vinatieri is a sure foot. Until he draws his last breath, he will be remembered for "The Kick." In that moment, he won the Lifetime Clutch Award.

Top Coach Bill Parcells is a legend in his own time. Currently, however, he is not eligible for this award as he is the head coach of the

worst team in the NFL. Some will argue

that Gruden or Billick should be named best, but this is my article so I am going with none other than Dick Vermeil. Vermeil has two rings, and has the chiefs poised for a run this year.

Put Your Money Where Your Mouth

If you only caught two touchdowns would you act like you were God's gift to the gridiron? NO! Jeremy Shockey caught exactly two six-pointers last year! He walks around New York like he owns the city, he disrespects Parcells, and he only caught two touchdowns last year! Before everyone keeps running around talking about how great he is, just remember last years playoff game against the 49ers.

Biggest Heart

I also like to call this the "anti-Shockey" award. Pittsburgh's Hines Ward is the complete package. He is a clutch receiver who never drops one, and is one of the most reliable targets on third down. However, what makes him so unique is his blocking ability. Some call him dirty because he goes so hard. I believe he is playing football the way it was meant to be

Now is the time for me to put my money where my mouth is. I guarantee in January the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Pittsburgh Steelers will play for the Lombardi Trophy. Led by Tommy Maddox, the Steelers will be holding the hardware at the end of the season. However, if past seasons have taught us anything don't count anyone out of the hunt for the Super Bowl. (Except, of course, the Redskins.)

Sea Gull Sports Beat

Men's Soccer - The Sea Gulls defeated Manhattanville 3-0 in their home

opener on Saturday, Aug. 30. The team plays home against Villa Julie on Sept.13 at 2 p.m.

Women's Soccer - The Sea Gulls lost to top ranked Messiah 5-0 on Saturday

The team plays home against Stevens Tech on Sunday, Sept. 7 at noon.

Field Hockey - The Sea Gulls face St. Mary's in their season and home opener

Sunday, Sept. 7 at 1 p.m.

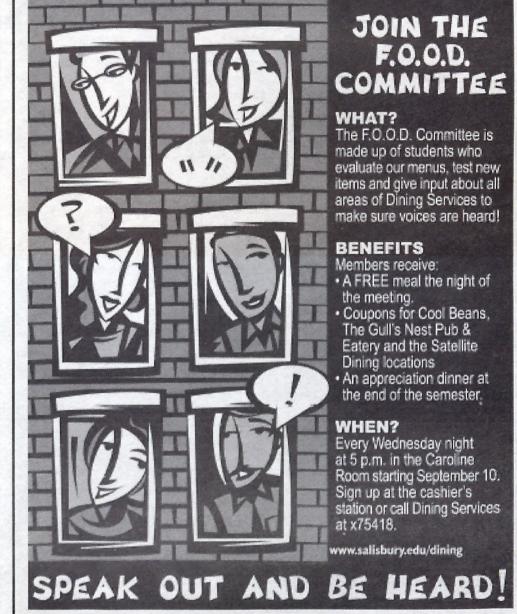
Women's Volleyball - The Sea Gulls stared the season with back-to-back wins

weekend, defeating Villa Julie 3-0 and Virginia Wesleyan 3-1. The team's

home game is against Mary Washington on Sept. 17 at the Maggs Center.

Cross Country - The men and women's cross-country teams finished fifth

respectively at the season opener in Salisbury. The next meet is at UMES on



Men's lacrosse captures national title

By Sean lannucci Sports Editor

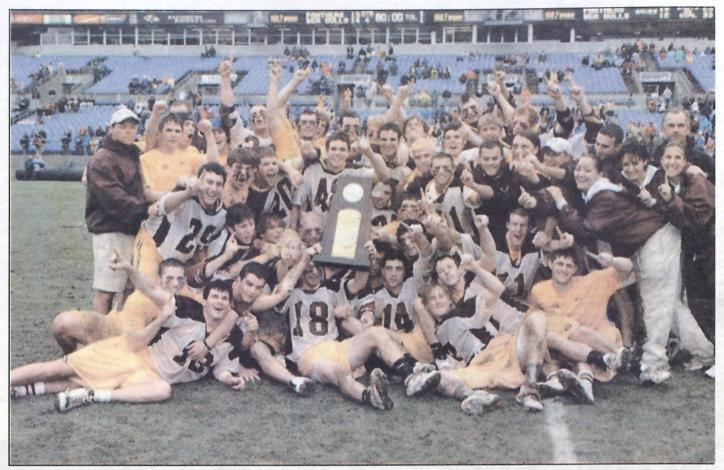
The Men's lacrosse team captured its fourth national championship this past May 25, a fitting conclusion to the remarkable 2003 season.

The Sea Gulls (19-1, 6-0 CAC) defeated Middlebury (17-2) in overtime 14-13. Sophomore attackman Chris Phillips netted the winning goal a mere 29 seconds into sudden death, giving Salisbury its first title since 1999.

The 15,417 fans at Ravens Stadium witnessed one of the most thrilling games in recent Division III championship history. After opening a 10-4 halftime lead, the Sea Gulls faltered, allowing Middlebury to rally with a 9-3 second half run. Phillip's game winner was Salisbury's first shot of overtime, and came off the sudden death face-off win by Andy Murray.

Senior All American Josh Bergey (four goals, four assists) was named the game's Most Outstanding Player. Bergey finished the year with 72 goals, 48 assists and 120 points. Senior Andy Arnold finished with two goals, one of which came off a Bergey assist and tied the game at 13-13 with 4:35 remaining in regulation.

Head coach Jim Berkman set a new school record, leading the Sea Gulls to the 19th win of the season and finishing the year with a nine-game winning streak. The



The men's lacrosse team celebrates their big win.

team, losing only five seniors, looks forward to a strong returning class and return to championship form in 2004.

SU gears up for fall season

y Sean Iannucc Sports Editor

As another semester begins, so does the play of Salisbury's Division III athletic programs. Always a top finisher in Sears Cup points, the Sea Gull teams are poised for further success in fall 2003.

The football team, which finished 9-2 last season, will attempt to earn consecutive playoff berths in 2003. Fifth-year Head Coach Sherman Wood welcomed 112 players to the start of camp, including a hoard of returning letter winners.

The Men's Soccer team goes into the season ranked 22nd in the nation. The Sea Gulls finished 15-3-2 last year and won the CAC title for the third time in four seasons. Head Coach Gerry Dibartolo will attempt to repeat despite losing 11 seniors, citing the strong group of returning players as the

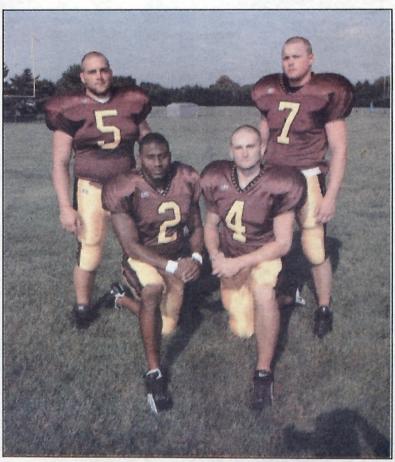
The Field Hockey team also faired extremely well last season, winning the CAC for a record eighth consecutive year. Coach Dawn Chamberlin leads her team

into its season opener on Sunday, Sept. 7 against St. Mary's.

Women's Soccer and Volleyball have high hopes to improve on last year's mediocre seasons. The volleyball team is already off to an undefeated season after winning a round robin tournament at Maggs Center over the weekend. Despite losing its opener 5-0 to Messiah, last season's No. 2 team in the nation, the women's soccer squad is returning 12 letter winners and is looking to improve on last year's 12-7 record.

Finally, the men and women's cross-country teams enter 2003 with a strong group of competing underclassmen. The teams will run their home meets at Winter Palace Park

As summer's end draws near, the Sea Gull athletic programs are focusing on continuing the University's winning ways into the fall 2003 seasons.



From left to right: Mike Myrtle, Kevin Bolt, Sean Sundora, Brad Deharen

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